

Utah Legal Services' Board of Directors *Pro Bono* Resolution

In Support of Enhanced Private Attorney Involvement with LSC-Funded Programs

Utah Legal Services' Board of Directors has long recognized the value of private attorney involvement and is committed to increase *pro bono* representation and the services that benefit low-income people.

This Board of Directors' Resolution is based in part upon Resolution 2007-003 adopted by Legal Services Corporation which supports and encourages private attorney involvement and the unanimous adoption in January 2007 by LSC Board of Directors of a strategic work plan entitled "Action Plan for Private Attorney Involvement: Help Close the Justice Gap, Unleash the Power of Pro Bono."

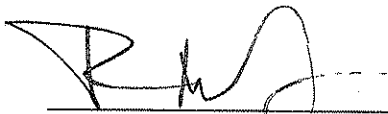
This Resolution builds upon information reported in our January 2007 state-wide needs survey, "The Justice Gap: The Unmet Legal Needs of Low-Income Utahns" and Utah Rules of Professional Conduct 6.1 which states that the professional responsibility of every Utah lawyer is to provide at least 50 hours of *pro bono* legal assistance to persons of limited means.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Directors of Utah Legal Services, in an effort to help close the justice gap in Utah, supports and encourages private attorney involvement with Utah Legal Services and will endeavor to:

- Collaborate with other organizations and entities in Utah to develop and facilitate educational efforts that demonstrate the extent of the unmet civil legal need and encourage collective responsibility by both public and private entities to help meet this unmet civil legal need;
- Collaborate with other organizations and entities in Utah to develop effective strategies for engaging lawyers in *pro bono* representation and other services that benefit low-income persons;
- Develop strategies that encourage *pro bono*, including creative recruitment methods and delivery models, attorney practice and continuing legal education rules, and training, mentoring, support, and recognition of volunteers.

The Board of Directors will promote, support and encourage private attorney involvement initiatives by publicizing and recognizing private attorney involvement in the work of Utah Legal Services and by collaborating with national, state and local organizations to create opportunities for such publicity and recognition.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of Utah Legal Services, Inc. on July 31, 2007.



Thom R. Roberts, President